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An Automatic Clinical Analyzer By Using

Modular Reagent Delivery Means

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## **RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action dated March 14, 2007, in which claims 3-5 and 7 were rejected. A petition for a three month extension of time accompanies this communication. Applicants respectfully request entry of this communication and prompt consideration of the as claimed invention. If it would be helpful to resolve any matters impeding allowance, Applicant and Applicant's representative would be pleased to attend an interview with the Examiner.